

Appendix A
North Dakota Department of Public Instruction
Request for Title I Part A Waiver

- A) Identify the federal programs affected by the requested waiver: North Dakota's request to waive the provision that prohibits an SEA from utilizing the FY 2014 Title I Part A funds past December 31, 2016. We are requesting additional time to close out these funds.
- B) Describe which Federal statutory or regulatory requirements are to be waived: Public Law (PL) 113-76 is drawing to a close; therefore, FY 2014 funds for Title I Part A must be obligated by September 30, 2016 and liquidated by December 31, 2016. In order to draw down district funds for Title I Part A, the NDDPI is requesting to ensure North Dakota and its sub recipients obligate the funds and are allowed additional time to draw down funds awarded for Title I Part A.
- C) Describe how the waiving of such requirements will advance student academic achievement: Allowing this waiver to extend Title I Part A funds extends authority of the NDDPI to obligate and draw down funds awarded to districts; therefore, allowing for advancement of student academic achievement through continued interventions implemented by the districts.
- D) Describe the methods of the state educational agency, local educational agency, school, or Indian tribe will use to monitor and regularly evaluate the effectiveness of the implementation of the plan: The Title I Part A programs are continuously monitored and regularly evaluated for the effectiveness of the implementation of the plan through NDDPI monitoring process of federal Title programs and annual submissions of the consolidated application for Title I funds.
- E) Include only information directly related to the waiver request: Prior to submitting this waiver request, North Dakota provided all LEAs in the state with notice and a reasonable opportunity to comment on this request. North Dakota provided such notice by sending email correspondence to each LEA representative on September 9, 2016 (see copy of notice attached), by including a notice in our monthly TEAM newsletter, and by posting the notice on the department's website. Copies of all comments that North Dakota received in response to this notice are also attached. North Dakota has provided notice and information regarding this waiver request to the public in the manner in which North Dakota customarily provides such notice and information to the public.
- F) Describe how schools will continue to provide assistance to the same populations served by programs for which waivers are requested and, if the waiver relates to provisions of subsections (b) or (h) of section 111, describes how the state educational agency, local educational agency, school, or Indian tribe will maintain or improve transparency in reporting to parents and the public on student achievement and school performance, including the achievement of the subgroups of students identified in section 1111(b)(2)(B)(xi): The NDDPI continues to utilize Title I Part A funds to support interventions based on improving academic achievement, improving student attendance and behavior, and increasing teacher effectiveness, including a focus on lowest achieving students and achievement of subgroups of students.

Please feel free to contact Stefanie Two Crow, North Dakota Federal Title Programs Director, by phone or email at (701) 328-2287 or stwocrow@nd.gov if you have any questions regarding this request. Thank you for your consideration.